September, 2005 situation has improved considerably. After completion/ commissioning of the new international terminal building module-I (totally air conditioned) and cargo complex by the end of December, 2005, there will be further improvement in the services. However, in view of the fast growing traffic, some modifications have been suggested in ongoing works so as to match with the second module of international terminal building.

Decongestion of airports

600. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that aircraft movements have grown rapidly in the country;

(b) if so, the percentage of growth with details during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that flights are being delayed for take off and landing due to this increase in air traffic; and

(d) the steps taken to decongest airports so as to avoid delay of aircrafts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The compound growth rate of aircraft movement was 9.9%, 14.4% and 11.9% for the year 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir. During peak hours and due to weather related problems etc. sometimes delays do take place.

(d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) gives Incentives to airlines to operate and park their aircraft at other than notified international airports.

AAI has also initiated action to provide additional parking stands, expansion/upgradation of terminal buildings, runways, taxiways at many airports. These steps would help decongest the airports facing traffic congestion.

New Airport at Arunachal Pradesh

†601. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an airport in Arunachal Pradesh;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.